were the first to climb Gya on August 12, 1998. The IMF is only too happy to correct the previous IMF findings and to acknowledge the achievement of the Army Expedition.

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Peak 6553m, Attempt, and Peak 6222m, Ascent. Peak 6553m (a.k.a. Dibiboikri Nala) is an unclimbed peak on the Dibiboikri Glacier. A three-member British expedition led by Anthony Ewan Mccleron attempted it from September-October. However, only the nearby Peak 6222m was climbed via the west ridge by team member Bowden on September 30.

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Peak 6118m, Ascent. Peak 6118m (near Yunan Tso, Baralacha Pass) is an unnamed peak on the Manali-Leh highway and is easy to approach. A Snout Adventurers Association, Calcutta, led by Ujjal Roy, established a base camp on August 17. Seven members climbed the summit on August 23 and 24. Exact location of the peak (and valley) is not known.

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Dhhun, First Ascent. Dhhun (6200m), which means “guardian,” was first climbed in August via the north face by a Japanese expedition led by Tsuneo Suzuki. The top was thought to have been reached on August 6 by three members and three high-altitude porters; on August 8, four members along with four porters realized the earlier group had only reached a subsummit and continued the one-kilometer walk to the main summit.

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MIYAR NALA

Thunder Peak, East Ridge, Previously Unreported. In 1998 and 1999, a small Italian expedition visited the Miyar Valley in India. The team was composed of Gianluca Bellin and Diego Steffani. In 1998, they climbed a tower christened “Thunder Peak” (ca. 6100m) by the obvious east ridge. The ascent involved climbing up to VII, occasional points of aid, mixed up to M5 and ice up to 85 degrees; it was done in the purest alpine style without porters or fixed ropes and in a single push with open bivouacs. The name was given for the massive storm that caught them while they were abseiling.

The team returned again to the same valley the following year with the intention of first doing an easy 5000- to 6000-meter peak for acclimatization and then going for the massive south face of an unnamed rock tower. They were only able to do the acclimatization scramble before Diego Steffani exploded his knee and had to return home.

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Burphu Dhura South Peak, Ascent. The IMF expedition to the virgin peak of Bhurphu Dhura